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***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***

**ECDA IS LOOKING FOR QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, LEAD ASSESSORS, AND  
LEAD CERTIFIED CONTRACTORS TO ASSIST WITH THEIR HOUSING REHAB AND DEMOLITION  
PROGRAMS**

**KANKAKEE, Ill. (April 8, 2022)** – The City of Kankakee’s Economic and Community Development Agency (ECDA) is seeking qualifications from qualified Lead Risk Assessors to be their contracted inspector/assessor for the Lead Grant as well as General Contractors to be placed on the revolving list of Lead Certified Contractors that will be used for the Agency’s Lead Abatement and Healthy Homes programs. Furthermore, the ECDA is also seeking General Contractors, Subcontractors, and Demolition/Excavation contractors to be placed on a Bidder’s List so that they may be invited to bid on residential demolition/clearance/renovations/repair projects to be contracted by ECDA as part of its CDBG and Illinois Housing and Development Agency’s housing rehab programs.

“The City of Kankakee has been awarded several funds that help low to moderate income residents with various housing rehab needs,” states Director Brewer-Watson. “We need a robust list of qualified contractors in rotation so we can work consistently to help as many residents as we can. The more qualified contractors in rotation the more houses we can rehab.”

The City will select Contractors who will be placed on a rotating list of contractors who will be utilized to complete all housing rehab projects, demolition, and LEAD Based Paint Containment and Abatement work for ECDA from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023. Qualified contractors, inspectors, and assessors are invited to submit (2) copies of their qualification proposals. Proposals must be received no later than 12 p.m. on Friday April 22, 2022.

Proposals shall be delivered to the attention of Barbi Brewer-Watson, Executive Director of Kankakee Economic and Community Development Agency and submitted to the City of Clerk's office at 304 S. Indiana Avenue, Kankakee, Illinois 60901 by the deadline date (RFQ's or incomplete RFQ's received after the deadline will be rejected).

Proposals received after 12:00 p.m. on this date will not be accepted.

"The City Kankakee has substantial funding, programs and opportunities for housing rehab and neighborhood stabilization that will allow many residents to seek improvements for their home", says Mayor Chris Curtis. "With these unprecedented funding sources, the ECDA team is ready and staffed to implement these programs, but in order to accomplish the goals set, they need a large number of contractors to apply and become certified to accomplish the City's vision. 2022/2023 can be a win-win situation for residents and the contractor business sector."

If a contractor would like to become a Lead Certified Contractor please contact ECDA for funding and training assistance opportunities.

Please visit the City of Kankakee, Illinois website at <http://www.citykankakee-il.gov/> to obtain a complete packet. Please feel free to contact Barbi Brewer-Watson, Executive Director 815-936-7313 or via email [bjbrewer-watson@citykankakee-il.gov](mailto:bjbrewer-watson@citykankakee-il.gov) if you have any questions.

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#### **About the Economic and Community Development Agency (ECDA):**

The Kankakee Economic and Community Development (ECDA) is a local government agency whose mission is to improve the lives of Kankakee residents and enhance the economic vitality of communities through housing, economic development and community development. The ECDA administers programs that serve the neighborhoods and residents of the City of Kankakee provided by federal, state and local funding. For more information, contact ECDA at 815-933-0506, Monday – Friday between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit our website at <https://ecda.citykankakee-il.gov/>.

#### **About the City of Kankakee, Illinois:**

The City of Kankakee is dedicated to protecting, building and nurturing the community while enhancing lives. We are a historic, vibrant and active riverfront community. We continue to transform into an extraordinary place to dream, grow and thrive. Embracing our diversity, we strive to be progressive, inclusive and innovative. For more information on the City of Kankakee, please visit the website at [www.citykankakee-il.gov](http://www.citykankakee-il.gov).